GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities and inferior quality in (20) works "construction of CC road works in Chandarlapadu Mandal of Krishna District" – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) now MEO, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.300 **Dated:02.04.2024.**

Read the following:

Read: G.O.Rt.No.295, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dated: 02-04-2024

ORDER:

1. It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) presently working as MEO., MPP, Ibrahimpatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the articles of charge is enclosed [Annexure-II].. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV). Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) now MEO, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) now MEO, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifcally admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) now MEO, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specifed in para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) now MEO, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of

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Any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNVOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, former MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) now MEO, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam **through** the Engineer-in-Chief,Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the same on the C.O. and furnish the acknowledgment copy)
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. SRINIVASA RAO, FORMER MEO, MPP, CHANDARLAPADU, KRISHNA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE) NOW MEO, MPP, IBRAHIMPATNAM

Charge-I:

That, Sri V.Srinivasa Rao, **while working as MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile)** (now AEE, MPP, Ibrahimpatnam) has allowed inferior quality of (9) works "Construction of CC roads in Chandarlapadu (M), Krishna District and 1st QC team proposed no recovery. Whereas, 2nd QC team has attended the above works on 19.05.2020 and conducted inspection and proposed for recovery of Rs.65.89 lakhs in the said works and thereby caused loss to the Government exchequer. Thereby unnecessary legal complications have arisen and huge embarrassment before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in Contempt Case No.1285/2022 in WPNo.21236/ 2021 filed by Sri Dasara Venkateswara Rao.

Charge-II:

"He has allowed inferior quality of (4) works "Construction of CC roads in Chandarlapadu (M), Krishna District and 1st QC team proposed no recovery. Whereas, 2nd QC team has attended the above works on 19.05.2020 and conducted inspection and proposed for recovery of Rs.36.55 lakhs in the said works and thereby caused loss to the Government exchequer. Thereby unnecessary legal complications have been arisen and huge embarrassment before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in Contempt Case No.1282/2022 in WPNo.25692/2021 filed by Sri Guthikonda Sri Rama Murthy of Krishna District.

Charge-III:

"He has allowed inferior quality of (7) works "Construction of CC road & R&B Road in Chandarlapadu (M) Krishna District" and 1st QC team proposed no recovery. Whereas, 2nd QC team has attended the above works on 20.05.2020 and conducted inspection and proposed for recovery of Rs.34.21 lakhs in the said works and thereby caused loss to the Government exchequer. Thereby unnecessary legal complications have been arisen and huge embarrassment before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in Contempt Case No.1295/2022 in WPNo.26041/2021 filed by Sri Pulla China Venkaiaha, Krishna District.

Thus, Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, while working as MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) showed his disobedience to the orders issued by the higher authorities and gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties and acted in contravention of Rule 3 of APCS(Conduct)Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST V. SRINIVASA RAO, FORMER MEO, MPP, CHANDARLAPADU, KRISHNA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE) NOW MEO, MPP, IBRAHIMPATNAM

BASIS:

Whereas, as per Quality Control norms and procedure, the 1st Quality Control Inspections were conducted in the year 2018 in respect of (20) works in Chandarlapadu Mandal of Krishna District and proposed no recovery. At that time, Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, working as MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) during the inspection time.

The said 1st QC reports were intimated to the concerned EE, DEE & AEE. Subsequently, as per the orders, 2nd QC Inspection team has attended the above (20) works and conducted inspections submitted (3) reports dated:19.5.2020, 19.05.2020 & 20.5.2020 respectively in all (20) works. The 1st QC Team Report has proposed no recovery against the said works, but the 2nd QC Team has proposed for recovery of total an amount of Rs.136.65 lakhs for the above (20) works. Thus, it is evident that he allowed inferior quality of work and thereby caused loss to the Government exchequer. He should have taken proper care, but he failed to discharge his legitimate duties. Thereby unnecessary complications and legal issues have arisen and huge embarrassment was caused in dealing with legal issues before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

Thus, the Government Servant, Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, while working as MEO, MPP, Chandarlapadu, Krishna District (erstwhile) failed to obey the orders of higher authorities and gross negligence on his legitimate duties. Thus by the above mentioned acts, he failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to the duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and there by contravened the Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964.

Hence, the charges.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST V.SRINIVASA RAO, FORMER MEO, MPP, CHANDARLAPADU, KRISHNA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE) NOW MEO, MPP, IBRAHIMPATNAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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(1)First QC Inspection Report dated:22.02.2018(for 9 works) in WPNo.21236/ 2021 CCNo.1285/22.
(2)First QC Inspection Report dated:10.12.2018 & 02.12.2018(for 4 works) in W.P.No.25692/2021 CCNo.1282/22.
(3)First QC Inspection Report dated 10.12.2018 & 02.12.2018 (7 works) in WPNo.26041/2021 CCNo.1295/22.
(4)Second QC Inspection Team in (3) Reports dated: 19.5.2020, 20.5.2020, 20.5.2020 respectively in all (20) works.
(5)Govt. Memo No.1770122/PRR01-PRE/30/2022-Vig.I-1, dt.11.08.2023 of PR&RD (V.I) Dept & other Govt. Memos.
(6)Letter No.A1/Article of charge on EE-DEE-AEE-AE/2022, dt.26.12.2023, 08.01.2024 & 13.02.2024 of S.E., PR,Krishna Dist.(erstwhile).

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST V. SRINIVASA RAO, FORMER MEO, MPP, CHANDARLAPADU, KRISHNA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE) NOW MEO, MPP, IBRAHIMPATNAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL –

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